GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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NANDANKANAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK
KAMAL NATH

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Lax security plagues Nandankanan` appearing in the `Hindustan Times` dated April 5, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether any enquiry is proposed to be conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to ward off such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) The facts mentioned in the news-item regarding escape of a tiger from its enclosure and killing an employee of the park in June last year; escape of tiger and mauling of sixty year old man to death on 12th February and nilgai`s throat being split by sharp razor are correct. The first incident is not a security related issue and was caused due to misadventure by the keeper himself. The later two issues could have been avoided had a proper security wall been there around the Nandankanan Zoo. The security wall has not been completed inspite of the financial assistance provided by the Central Zoo Authority mainly because of some legal dispute, in which state govt. is required to pay some compensation to an individual.